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Dear Hal —

A note — just to keep in touch,
to remind you I still know ya and
think of ya. = thanks, too, for the
info on "Hepburn" — we've decided the book
wouldn't be worth effort & expense getting
it ... even if it could be gotten easily, i.e.
at the corner bookstall. Am glad I had
presence of mind to ask you about it
before ordering it from a European dealer.

Seminar in Diplomacy did give me
an excuse to research that Baghdad Pact,
as I mentioned to you last time — and
all in all the effort was well rewarded.
My alma mater (Univ. of Omaha — now Univ. of
Neb. at Omaha) has unusually good library, and

fortunately (for modern Near East studies)
has the RTIA collections of British
documents. Excellent & useful stuff —
though still painful to move, inexorably,
in one's reading, on to the Suez disaster.
Safe to say, surely, that the "personality
clash" (or worse...) between Eden and JF
one of the worst, gravest threats to the
Western alliance....

— But enough of this. I'll bore you
(besides time your eyes with this handwriting)
— although I was sorry the fellow grad.
student who declared an interest in research:
the missile crisis did not do anywhere
near what he might have done with
the subject. I could (and would) have
done a lot better myself — but of course
I had my hands full (to put it mildly!)
with Arab politics, primarily Iraq, and
had no time. Perhaps another time in the
not too distant future, when I can find
some subsidized time (the College of Medicine
pays my way, usually, if I want to take
graduate work) and at the same time have
a talk with some of the AT...

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Army people now working on advance degrees here (a special program - similar, I believe, to your Univ. of Maryland). Several (five, I think, out of ten) in the seminar could in fact have helped the guy working in the area (the Cuban missile crisis) but, dammit, I don't think he even asked them their impressions or opinions — though he knew at least one of them had been an intelligence officer at the time! Ah, well. So it goes.

— And anyway I must run.

Keep well, my friend, and let us hear from you when possible. too, our Steppen. #3 should be here from London any day — I'll see that a copy gets in the mail to you as soon as we have it. ... then you can relax ... with one of them Kulture magazines & get your mind off Machiavelli for a while.

